

FAQ'S

Can anyone go on this trip? Yes.

No age limit for adults, and there is something for everyone to do.

Can youth go? Yes.

The minimum age is 13, and a parent or responsible adult must accompany each youth on the trip.

Do I need to be a construction worker? No.

There are no construction skills needed, just being healthy and willing to work are all that you need. There are opportunities to work in the clinic for those with medical backgrounds or who wish to have lighter work.

Is it safe and clean? Yes.

The lodging and dining areas are very safe and livable. While working in the neighborhoods, there are "maestros" working with us and assisting us. We do all activities as a group and are accompanied by the Operacion Abrigo staff.

Is there emergency medical care available? Yes.

We are 30 minutes from hospitals in El Paso, Texas.

Do I have to speak Spanish? No.

The Operacion Abrigo staff will assist us with communication.

Do I have to have a U.S. passport to go? Yes.

Passports are required to enter Mexico and to return to the U.S.

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NOEL MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mexico Mission Trip

October 7-13, 2023

Juarez, Mexico



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What & Where

Operacion Abrigo is a mission program developed by Reverend Jose Luis Portillo that coordinates work teams to build houses for needy families in Juarez, Mexico.

Reverend Portillo is affiliated with the Christian Missionary Alliance. His church, El Nuevo Pacto in Juarez, runs a medical clinic 5 days a week, has a vocational school, and land to build a school.

We travel by vans from Shreveport to Juarez (across the border from El Paso, Texas). Approximate travel is 16 hours, **leaving on Saturday morning and returning Thursday.**

Those building are divided into teams of 7-8, working with Mexican workers to build a house in 3-4 days, ready for a family to move in. Other team members may assist in the church's clinic, work with children or teach skills to adults.



Lodging & Meals

The mission center consists of dormitories with separate buildings for men and women and a dining hall. Bunk beds are provided, and bathrooms have indoor plumbing with hot water for showers. While at the center, all meals are prepared by the cook staff. Meals during travel are at each person's own expense.



Needed

- Passport
- Good health
- Current tetanus shot
- Love for others,
- Heart for serving,
- Cooperative,
- flexible attitude
- Ability to work as a team



Cost

The fee for the trip is \$350 per person for adults and \$200 for youth/students. Fundraising activities will be held at Noel prior to the trip that usually offset the remaining costs of the trip, otherwise an additional fee may be charged. Scholarships are available if needed. Extra money is needed for meals on the road, snacks, and souvenirs while in Juarez.

Purpose of Mission

We go to share the love of Jesus Christ with our brothers and sisters in Juarez. We will attend a worship service at Rev. Portillo's church, and have daily devotional and worship time. We meet the families who are receiving the houses, work in the neighborhood, play with the children, and fellowship with those in the community. We are there to serve, work with, learn from, and minister to, the people.